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Guilty plea to perjury in bankruptcy case

Douglas W. Cox, 44, pled guilty today to perjury, admitting that, during a bankruptcy deposition, he testified falsely about the ownership of five vending machines.

United States Attorney Robert Clark Corrente announced the guilty plea, which Cox entered before Chief U.S. District Court Judge Ernest C. Torres in U.S. District Court, Providence.

At the plea hearing, Assistant U.S. Attorney James H. Leavey said that the government could prove that, during a deposition taken in March 2004, Cox falsely stated that he did not own the vending machines at issue. Cox, who had a business in East Providence and filed for bankruptcy in 2003, admitted today that he purchased the machines in January 2003 and still owned them when the deposition was taken.

Cox pled guilty to one count of perjury. He is free on bond pending sentencing, which is scheduled for September 22. The maximum penalty is five years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Perjury charges are pending against Cox's brother-in-law, **Louis C Silva**, of East Providence.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Bankruptcy Trustee investigated the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Leavey is prosecuting it.

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